



May 27 – June 2, 2024

What's Happening

April migration to US-Mexico border unchanged in El Paso - Border Report

Migrant crossings at US-Mexico border plunge 54% from record high - CBS News

Employers want more work permits for long-time undocumented immigrants - CNN

Biden admin has a plan to shut down the border, but it needs Mexico's help - NBC News

Fed'l judge blocks key part of DeSantis anti-immigration law - Politico

DOJ files suit over Oklahoma immigration law - oklahoma.com

Communities are wary as appeals court weighs legality of TX immigration law - NPR

Denver launches ambitious migrant program - AP

Mexican and Guatemalan presidents meet at border to discuss migration - AP

UN urges US to stop forced returns to Haiti after last deportation flight - Al Jazeera

ICE ordered to stop knock-and-talk tactic for immigrant arrests in LA - Courthouse News

Trump's immigration plans could affect job market economy - Wash Post

Half of Americans oppose immigration detention camps Reuters/Ipsos poll - Reuters

Action One: Prayer

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; to realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; to give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayers. (Author Unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - support immigration reform that respect religious liberty.

<https://www.votervoices.net/JFI/Campaigns/110431/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.

<https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action for Haiti. <https://guixote.org/action#>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.

<https://advancingjustice-aaic.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support secure, efficient and human border security management. <https://p2a.co/Tc6usjk>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Urge Congress to co-sponsor the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act - <https://www.aila.org/advocacy-tools/aila-s-advocacy-action-center>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support HR 1325 - the Asylum Seekers Work Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urges DHS to take immediate steps to keep families together and grant TPS to Ecuadorians. <https://action.momsrising.org/sign/tps-for-ecuador/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - it's time to end child labor in the US now.

https://action.greenamerica.org/page/65000/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=EndChildLaborUS_Action_0324&utm_content=20240314+-+End+US+Child+Labor-+Core&ea.url.id=2400059&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act -

<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in housing programs - https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-to-invest-in-housing-programs/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-take-action-demand-congress-increase-funding-to-critical-programs-to-address-the-housing-crisis&email_referrer=email_2305267&email_subject=re-take-action-demand-congress-increase-funding-to-critical-programs-to-address-the-housing-crisis

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum - <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition - seeking asylum is a human right.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkil2024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2173391&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2173391

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in communities' capacity to welcome refugees.

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

Action Three: Education

Latino immigrants fill pews as Baltimore Catholic church loses parishioners -

<https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/community/religion/baltimore-catholic-churches-latinos-hispanics-JHLH4YBWSRAAJAWTLXRT2KQGOU/>

Trump's immigration plans could affect job market economy <https://wapo.st/44NAVOR>

Half of Americans oppose immigration detention camps Reuters/Ipsos poll -

<https://www.reuters.com/world/half-americans-oppose-immigrant-detention-camps-reutersipsos-poll-finds-2024-05-20/>

Denver launches ambitious migrant program - <https://apnews.com/article/denver-migrant-work-program-shelters-0408fe3095be61415e939dc84c711891>

Employers want more work permits for long-time undocumented immigrants -

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/23/politics/undocumented-immigrants-work-permits-jobs/index.html>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or jpmrsm2@gmail.com

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT. These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) Urge the admin to protect Haitians seeking safety and to provide more humanitarian aid to Haiti during this crisis. Thank you for your efforts!